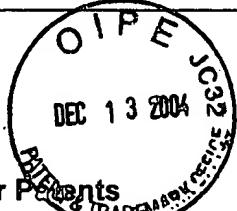


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

ADDRESS TO:

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Attorney Docket No.: 97,008-W
Application No.: 09/931,513
Filing Date: August 16, 2001
First Named Inventor: Copeland
Group Art Unit: 1743
Examiner: Alexander

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application to December 9, 2004.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

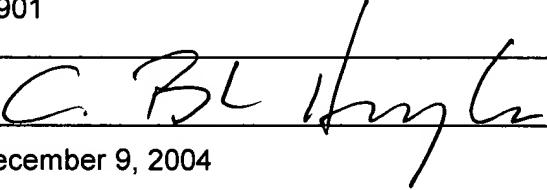
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 13-2490. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name	A. Blair Hughes
Reg. No.	32,901
Signature	
Date	December 9, 2004

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